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TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

FREDERICK B. SHAW.

CHARLES A. LANGMAID.

OTIS T. MAXFIELD.

TOWN CLERK.

ALBERT S. DAME.

TOWN TREASURER.

WALTER S. LANGMAID.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES.

FRANK L. WINSLOW.

AUDITORS.

CHARLES LAKE,

GEORGE M. WARREN.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

CATHERINE M. LAKE.

ARTHUR A. GROVES.

LESTER W. HUTCHINSON

ROAD AGENTS.

CHARLES BAILEY.

WALTER C. BATCHELDER.

OSCAR I. GREEN.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT-

INVENTORY OF TAXABLE PROPERTY, APRIL 1, 1896.

Polls,	175,	\$ 17,500.00
Acres,	12,362,	209,175.00
Horses,	249,	12,103.00
Oxen,	32,	1,837.00
Cows,	462,	10,208.00
Other neat stock.	52,	1,180.00
Sheep,	204,	608.00
Hogs,	3,	28.00
Fowls,	20,	10.00
Cash on hand,		2,783.00
Stock in banks,		18,795.00
Stock in trade,		8,265.00
Mills and machinery,		1,300.00
Buildings not designated,		1,040.00
Total valuation,		<u>\$284,832.00</u>

AMOUNT OF TAXES.

Voted by the town,	\$3,000.00
Repairing Town House,	200.00
Voted by School District, repairing school houses,	50.00
Overlay,	111.15
	<u>\$3,361.15</u>

Rate per cent., \$1.18 per \$100.

CASH RECEIPTS.

RECEIVED OF STATE TREASURER.

Railroad tax,	\$ 499.86
Savings Bank tax,	1,232.46
Literary fund,	75.60
	<u>\$1,807.92</u>

RECEIVED OF COUNTY.

Support of poor,		\$ 216.73
Received of N. G. Edmunds for old hearse house, and land,	\$ 10.00 1.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 11.00
Received of Julius F. Leavitt for one trip out of town with hearse,		2.00
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EXPENDITURES.

PAID BY ORDER ON TOWN TREASURER.

State tax,	\$ 940.00	
County tax,	1,041.95	
Treasurer of School Board,	1,132.60	
	<hr/>	\$3,114.55

COUNTY PAUPERS' ACCOUNT.

Paid Calvin F. Lane, wood to T. M. Page,	\$ 7.50	
Joseph Morse supplies to Martha Mars- ton,	3.22	
T. M. Page by order of County Commis- sioners,	2.50	
S. C. Bennett, support of O. S. Bennett 52 weeks,	78.00	
John Mason, work, care and provisions to T. M. Page,	25.00	
Mrs. J. J. Richardson, board and care of John R. Rand,	6.00	
S. C. Bennett, provisions to T. M. Page,	2.57	
G. P. Haines Est., provisions to T. M. Page,	18.77	
Mrs. Mary A. Bennett, washing, iron- ing and mending for T. M. Page,	1.92	
H. T. Leavitt, supplies to Herbert Mitchell.	52.00	
Calvin F. Lane, wood furnished Lizzie Duplace,	4.00	
Albert Thompson, Police service for County Commissioners,	3.00	
A. H. French, medical aid to Joseph Marston and family,	12.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 216.73

TOWN PAUPERS' ACCOUNT.

Paid A. H. French, medical aid to George W. Hall,	\$ 15.25	
Joseph Morse, supplies to G. W. Hall,	8.78	
	<hr/>	\$24.03

ABATEMENTS.

Paid A. A. Groves, loss of cow,	\$.29	
Rufus Marden, loss by fire,	3.44	
Plummer Marston, loss of horse,	.88	
George W. West, over 70 years,	1.18	
George W. Lake, one horse, paid in Concord,	.77	
George W. Lake, loss of horse,	.35	
William Welcome, overtaxed,	.29	
Joseph T. Lake, loss of horse,	.29	
George W. Towle, loss of horse,	.17	
	<hr/>	\$7.66
Benning Sanborn Collector, 1895 :		
Frank A. Locke,	\$ 1.46	
George H. Hilliard, paid in Loudon,	1.39	
	<hr/>	\$2.85
F. L. Winslow, Collector :		
Wilmer E. Sanborn, paid in Pittsfield,	\$ 1.18	
Irving Twombly,	1.18	
Sarah E. Warring,	1.65	
P. C. Hutchinson, paid in Pembroke,	1.18	
Henry Giddis, paid in Concord,	1.18	
	<hr/>	\$6.37

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Paid Congregational Society :		
Undivided parsonage fund, 1894 and 1895,	\$3.66	
Methodist Society, undivided parsonage fund, 1894 and 1895,	2.59	
Baptist Society, undivided parsonage fund, 1894 and 1895,	1.75	
	<hr/>	\$8.00

Congregational Society,	\$23.76	
Methodist Society,	16.77	
Baptist Society,	11.32	
		<u>\$51.85</u>

ROAD AGENTS, 1895.

Paid E. C. Berry,	\$24.30	
Charles Bailey,	64.59	
W. C. Batchelder,	80.85	
		<u>\$169.74</u>
Charles Bailey,	\$558.11	
W. C. Batchelder,	508.20	
Oscar I. Green,	575.61	
		<u>\$1,642.92</u>

PUBLIC WATERING PLACES.

Paid Asa F. Hutchinson,	\$3.00	
Julius F. Leavitt, 1895 and 1896,	5.00	
G. M. Warren,	3.00	
James Hook,	3.00	
		<u>\$14.00</u>

REPAIRING GUIDE BOARDS.

Paid C. M. Knowles for painting and lettering nine guide boards,	\$4.50	
Two new boards, posts and setting,	1.50	
		<u>\$6.00</u>
W. P. Call, making five guide boards,	\$1.25	
Painting same,	2.80	
Putting up,	1.00	
One post,	.20	
		<u>\$ 5.20</u>
John Shaw, 1 post and setting,		.50
		<u>\$11.75</u>
Total,		

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Bills approved by Board of Education.	
Paid Werner School Book Co.,	\$15.60
L. W. Hutchins n for two United States histories,	2.00
J. L. Beers, six sets plates of Good Citizenship,	54.00

Paid Edwin E. Babb & Co., school supplies,	\$7.20	
Ginn & Co., school supplies,	9.99	
Werner School Book Co., school supplies,	3.72	
Werner School Book Co., school supplies,	12.60	
George F. King & Merrill, school supplies,	1.88	
	<hr/>	\$106.99

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid F. L. Winslow, Supervisor of Checklist, 1895 and 1896,	\$10.00
Charles Bailey, Supervisor of Checklist, 1895 and 1896,	10.00
William S. Edmunds, Supervisor of Checklist, 1895 and 1896,	10.00
Lester W. Hutchinson, member of school board,	37.00
Albert Thompson, police services,	2.00
Catherine M. Lake, member of school-board,	35.00
Albert S. Dame, Town Clerk,	15.00
A. A. Groves, member of school board,	25.00
Charles Lake, Treasurer of school board,	5.00
J. K. Towle, Constable and Dog-killer,	9.00
J. K. Towle, expense for legal advice,	1.00
Benning Sanborn, services as collector of taxes, 1895,	2.41
H. M. Sanborn, services as auditor, 1895,	1.50
C. F. Lane, services as auditor, 1895,	1.50
Otis T. Maxfield, services as Selectman,	45.00
Otis T. Maxfield, services as Overseer of the Poor,	12.00
Frederick B. Shaw services as Selectman,	\$60.00

Paid Frederick B. Shaw, services as Overseer of the Poor,	\$10.00
Frederick B. Shaw, services as District Clerk,	1.50
Charles S. Langmaid, services as Selectman,	45.00
Charles A. Langmaid, services as Overseer of the Poor,	5.00
Walter S. Langmaid, Treasurer,	25.00
F. L. Winslow, Collector of Taxes,	48.44
Health Officers,	4.00
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	\$420.35

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid N. E. Martin, legal advice, for 1895	\$5.00
Edson C. Eastman, bonds, order and receipt book,	3.72
Ira C. Evans, 500 town reports,	40.90
Nat C. Edwards, cleaning town house,	.75
Edson C. Eastman, blank books and stationery,	2.10
John Shaw, Public Statutes,	5.00
George E. Ordway, building bridge and abutments at Webster's Mills,	359.00
Ira C. Evans, 550 ballots for March meeting,	5.00
Hollis & Sargent, legal advice.	5.00
Franklin Brown, building road machine and hearse house,	130.00
Willie P. Call, painting road machine and hearse house,	8.00
L. L. Caswell, for sheathing and repairing Town House,	235.00
E. M. Reed, filling in for hearse house,	10.00
Julius F. Leavitt, 6 trips with hearse,	12.00
Julius F. Leavitt, repairing hearse harness,	2.80
A. H. French, return of births,	2.25

Paid Benning Sanborn, for printing 400 tax receipts,	\$1.50	
A. L. Sanborn, wood to town house,	2.25	
E. C. Eastman, warrants and stationery,	.45	
N. H. Democratic Press Co., printing checklists,	5.00	
Otis T. Maxfield, board and lodging transients,	3.00	
F. B. Shaw, board and lodging transient,	1.00	
C. A. Langmaid, board and lodging transients,	3.00	
Ladies' Aid Society, for seven suppers to Election officers, Nov.,	\$.70	
E. C. Eastman, town warrants, etc.,	.80	
E. C. Eastman, Tax Collector's book,	1.20	
H. T. Leavitt, ink and pencils,	.25	
H. B. Langley, dinners to Selectmen,	1.25	
Thompson & Hoague, doz. hooks for Town House,	.25	
Samuel W. Langmaid, Board of Selectmen,	13.25	
	<hr/>	\$860.42

RECAPITULATION.

Paid State and County tax and Treasurer of	
School Board,	\$3,114.55
County pauper account,	216.73
Town pauper account,	24.03
Abatements,	16.88
Religious societies,	59.85
Agents of highways,	1,812.66
Public watering places,	14.00
Repairing guide boards,	11.75
School books and supplies,	106.99
Town officers,	\$420.35
Incidental expenses,	860.42
Total amount of orders on Treasurer,	\$6,658.21

F. B. SHAW.

C. A. LANGMAID,

O. T. MAXFIELD,

Selectmen of Chichester.

We hereby certify that we have examined the financial accounts of the Selectmen for the fiscal year ending Feb. 15, 1897, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

CHARLES LAKE.

GEORGE M. WARREN,

Auditors.

CHICHESTER. Feb. 22, 1897.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Cash in Treasury Feb. 15, 1896,	\$2,006.00
Received of Benning Sanborn, Collector in 1895,	160.71
Received of Frank L. Winslow, Collector,	3,235.65
" Town Clerk, dog license,	84 00
" Selectmen, railroad tax,	499.86
" " Savings bank tax,	1,232.49
" " Literary fund,	75.60
" " For use of hearse,	2.00
" " County pauper acc't,	216 73
" " For hearse house and land,	11.00
	\$7,524.04

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Paid town orders drawn by Selectmen,	\$6,658.21
Cash in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 15, 1897,	\$865.83

WALTER S. LANGMAID,
Treasurer.

TOWN FUND.

Parsonage fund loaned the town,	864.66
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TOWN PROPERTY.

Town house at cost,	\$475.00
Hearse and hearse house,	300.00
Hearse harness at cost,	45.00
Road machine,	250.00
	\$1,270.00

DUE THE TOWN.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$865.83	
Due from Benning Sanborn, Collector,	14.51	
Due from F. L. Winslow, Collector,	125.50	
	<hr/>	\$1,005.84
Due the town,	\$1,005.84	

INDEBTEDNESS OF TOWN.

Parsonage fund loaned town,	864.66	\$141.18
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Balance in favor of town, Feb. 15, 1897,		141.18

WALTER S. LANGMAID,
Treasurer.

We hereby certify that we have examined the financial accounts of the town Treasurer for the fiscal year ending Feb. 15, 1897, and find them correctly cast and supported by proper vouchers.

CHARLES LAKE,
GEORGE M. WARREN.
Auditors.

CHICHESTER, N. H.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS.

E. C. BERRY, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF CHICHESTER FOR 1895 :

Received by order of Selectmen on Town Treasurer,	\$24.30
Paid E. C. Berry for labor,	\$13.25
J. G. Berry,	4 35
Charles Lake,	3.75
C. F. Lane,	1.30
C. F. Spiller,	.30
Simon W. Mason,	.15
O. T. Maxfield,	1.20
	\$24.30

W. C. BATCHELDER IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF CHICHESTER
FOR 1895.

Received by order of Selectmen on town Treasurer :	\$80.85
Paid George West,	\$ 3.85
H. A. Colby,	6.00
O. S. Batchelder,	1.25
J. F. French,	2.50
F. D. French,	10.00
H. Staniels,	3.95
L. W. Towle,	7.50
G. M. Munsey,	1 43
Sam Munsey,	1.20
George Towle,	.50
James Hook,	1.00
Fred Hook,	1.50
Joe Moses,	4.50
Fred O. Meara,	1.95
F. L. Winslow,	1.20
Dudley Towle,	2.48

Paid D. R. Towle,	\$ 4.27	
L. W. Towle,	.90	
H. B. Langley,	.75	
J. K. Towle,	2.00	
Sidney Smith,	6.90	
W. C. Batchelder,	13.00	
Ed Lake,	2.00	
F. B. Shaw,	.22	
	————	\$80.85

CHARLES BAILEY, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF CHICHESTER.
For 1895. Received by order of selectmen on treasurer, \$64.59

Paid Walter S. Langmaid,	9.29	
Noah G. Edmunds,	6.00	
Charles H. Towle,	4.00	
Fred E. Ford,	1.50	
William S. Edmunds,	3.30	
Lester W. Hutchinson,	5.60	
Edgar M. Reed,	1.50	
Clarence W. Edmunds,	2.25	
John W. Welch,	1.42	
Charles Welch,	.75	
George F. Morse,	2.10	
George F. Davis,	1.80	
Abraham M. Drake,	4.89	
Franklin Brown,	3 00	
Joshua Lane,	4.07	
George W. Laine,	1.50	
E. M. Reed, housing road machine,	2.00	
Charles Bailey,	9.62	
	————	\$64.59

W. C. BATCHELDER, IN ACCOUNT WITH TOWN OF CHICHESTER. Received by order of selectmen on town treasurer,		\$508.20
Paid Fred Hook,	.75	
W. C. Batchelder,	20.05	
W. C. Batchelder, repairs on road ma- chine,	12.00	

Paid L. W. Hutchinson,	\$ 9.00
Henry M. Sanborn,	14.00
Clarence Sanborn,	4.05
Dudley Towle,	3.00
O. S. Batchelder,	15.75
F. L. Winslow,	3.75
G. W. Towle,	3.75
Ed Lake,	15.75
D. R. Towle,	4.50
F. B. Shaw,	12.20
Fred O. Meara,	3 75
Ernest Towle,	3.75
J. P. Batchelder,	3.75
Sam Munsey,	3.00
G. M. Munsey,	6.00
Julius Leavitt,	10.00
O. F. Davis,	7.00
A. A. Groves,	1.75
Charles Towle,	2.25
M. Mitchell,	1.50
W. C. Batchelder,	20.00
Harry Moore,	3.00
Ed Lake,	7.00
Morrison Batchelder,	.75
Fred A. O'Meara,	1.50
C. A. Towle,	5.70
Julius Leavitt,	23.00
O. S. Batchelder,	21.00
Ed. Giddis	5.00
A. A. Groves,	8.50
L. W. Hutchinson,	10.00
John K. Towle,	3.00
George Towle,	3.00
H. B. Langley,	18.55
Henry Colby,	5.25
Frank Smith,	5.70
Fred Hook,	3.00
Woodbury Dame,	5.25

Paid Will Welcome,	\$ 2.63
L. W. Towle,	4.50
J. F. Towle,	6.90
C. W. Edmunds,	10.50
Aden Fowler,	10.50
C. A. Langmaid,	10.50
John West,	1.20
F. D. French,	1.50
J. K. Towle,	3.00
George Towle,	1.50
W. C. Batchelder,	7.50
Henry Colby,	1.95
S. F. Smith,	1.95
Hiram Staniels,	2.55
Charles Lake, bridge plank,	3.06
George West,	4.68
F. B. Shaw,	.30
J. F. French,	5.00
F. D. French,	5.50
Sam B. Munsey,	1.50
A. A. Groves,	7.25
Julius Leavitt,	5.50
W. C. Batchelder,	16.50
E. A. Towle,	2.00
Will Welcome,	1.73
H. A. Colby,	2.25
S. F. Smith,	6.45
F. L. Winslow,	2.10
Ed Lake,	2.10
George Moody,	.90
F. B. Shaw,	3.00
D. R. Towle,	13.95
H. B. Langley,	3.85
James Hook,	1.00
Fred A. O'Meara,	6.00
W. C. Batchelder,	6.00
O. S. Batchelder,	3.50
O. F. Davis,	1.50

Paid A. A. Groves,	\$ 4.60	
Sam B. Munsey,	4.20	
Sam Marden,	3.25	
C. A. Towle,	3.45	
F. D. French,	6.50	
J. Hook,	1.65	
L. W. Towle,	2.25	
John Towle,	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$508.20

OSCAR I. GREEN'S REPORT.

Report of Oscar I. Green (Road Agent) for the town of Chester for the year ending Feb. 15, 1897, is respectfully submitted.

Paid Oscar I. Greene,	\$ 115.10
C. F. Lane,	15.00
J. W. Severance,	7.65
S. C. Bennett,	5.63
G. M. Warren,	3.00
James Warren,	6.95
J. B. Clifford,	25.80
S. C. Perkins,	16.35
John Shaw,	4.80
David Twombly,	4.13
O. T. Maxfield,	1.13
Charles Spiller,	.30
Wm. Philbrick,	.83
Charles Carpenter,	6.00
E. C. Green,	3.00
George Towle,	.95
Charles Lake,	13.35
Charles Meserve,	1.75
John Mason,	1.05
Joseph Hussey,	4.50
Ira Perry,	5.10
L. Hutchinson,	10.15
Frank Marston,	1.00
Fred Fellows,	.40
James Rand,	.75

Paid Herbert Roby,	\$ 39.47
Plummer Marston,	.50
E. B. Ring,	1.35
Stringers and railing,	12.00
G. W. Lake,	2.40
J. S. Marston,	7.88
Ralph Warren,	3.30
Henry Real,	1.50
J. T. Lake,	1.12
David Edgerly,	.90
Herman Bennett,	1.50
S. P. Perkins,	.50
Ernest Lane,	1.05
Ed. Berry,	.60
Frank T. Lane,	3.00
Charles Lake, plank,	20.12
David Twombly,	.25
Charles Lake,	5.10
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	\$357.21

BUILDING BRIDGE AT KELLET'S CORNER.

Paid William Osgood,	\$ 13.00
J. S. Marston,	16.05
Oscar I. Green,	37.85
S. C. Bennett,	3.90
Herman Bennett,	4.95
Herbert Roby,	35.75
Stringers 2,832 ft.,	50.97
Railing 400 ft.,	4.00
Chestnut post,	.75
Plank, 1,191 ft.,	15.47
J. F. Warren,	4.65
Fred Fellows,	.40
Fred Genzen,	2.70
S. A. Kelley,	3.00
Plummer Marston,	2.00
G. E. Ordway,	18.00
E. B. Ring,	.96
Oil and lighting,	5.00
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	\$219.40

CHARLES BAILEY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF CHICHESTER.
 1896. Received by order of Selectmen on

Treasurer,		\$558.11
Paid Walter S. Langmaid,	\$	9.75
Clarence W. Edmunds,		4.75
N. G. Edmunds,		9.75
Edgar M. Reed,		25.65
Fred E. Ford,		7.75
John L. Saturley,		6.75
Robert Carpenter,		3.00
C. H. Sanborn,		3.00
Charles Bailey,		14.75
H. M. Sanborn,		7.00
G. A. Bailey,		9.00
G. A. Towle,		3.00
L. W. Hutchinson,		11.75
C. W. Edmunds,		1.65
H. W. Moore,		5.25
John K. Towle,		6.65
Charles H. Towle,		6.00
C. A. Brown,		3.00
Joseph Nickerson,		1.50
John L. Saturley,		4.50
Fred E. Ford,		9.00
N. C. Edmunds,		1.50
G. P. Haines estate,		2.00
C. A. Langmaid,		28.00
N. G. Edmunds,		11.00
E. M. Reed,		27.50
True Sanborn,		3.50
J. L. Saturley,		1.50
L. W. Hutchinson,		13.50
E. H. Blood,		3.75
Charles Morrill,		1.50
Charles Bailey,		18.64
A. L. Sanborn,		18.00
G. F. Davis,		4.50
G. W. Lane,		3.50

Paid C. W. Edmunds,	\$ 7.50
C. A. Langmaid,	7.00
N. G. Edmunds,	5.25
L. W. Hutchinson,	5.50
Asa F. Hutchinson,	3.00
C. W. Edmunds,	2.50
E. M. Reed,	11.00
N. C. Edmunds,	1.50
Fred E. Ford,	5.75
G. W. Towle,	2.25
G. A. Bailey,	1.25
C. H. Towle,	10.00
W. S. Edmunds,	13.35
C. A. Brown,	1.50
Joseph Nickerson,	6.00
J. E. Rand,	1.50
A. L. West,	3.10
Fred E. Ford,	8.75
N. G. Edmunds,	19.50
J. L. Saturley,	10.00
Charles Bailey,	17.00
G. E. Ordway,	14.00
J. E. Rand,	1.50
L. W. Hutchinson,	9.75
A. L. West,	.60
J. G. Cate,	21.50
N. G. Edmunds,	10.50
J. L. Saturley,	15.00
W. S. Langmaid,	22.50
Charles Bailey,	12.24
Charles H. Towle,	2.50
J. L. Sanborn,	3.00
C. A. Langmaid,	.70
A. M. Drake,	7.05
F. M. Edgerly,	1.43
H. S. Edgerly,	.80

 \$558.11

MARION D. LAKE TRUST.

Income to be devoted to care of cemetery lot of Reuben Lake.

Capital,	\$100.00
Invested by deposit in New Hampshire Savings Bank,	100,00
Balance from last year,	3.00
Cash for interest to January 1, 1897,	3.25
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Cash in hands of agent,	\$6.25

CHARLES LAKE,
Agent.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOLS IN CHICHESTER.

As we have come to the close of another school year I suppose we shall be expected to give an account of our stewardship. I am happy to say that most of our schools have been very successful. The school in District No. 1 was taught the three terms by Miss Alice E. Connor. She was a good disciplinarian. The scholars were orderly and quiet and marked improvement was made by every pupil who was in constant attendance. Oral instruction was given in arithmetic, geography, physiology, grammar and civil government and each class did much credit to themselves and teacher.

In District No. 2 the spring term was taught by Miss Mabel A. Stevens. She was a very pleasant teacher and had a very good school. There was good improvement and general satisfaction. The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Lizzie M. McKerley. She has taught this school several terms and always proved a thorough and efficient teacher. Her classes in oral lessons in geography, arithmetic, and civil government did good work. In many respects this is a model school. No. 1 and No. 2 certainly rank high in moral deportment.

No. 4. There are only three scholars of school age in this district. We tried to put this school and No. 5 together, but some of the parents in No. 5 did not want to have their small children conveyed out of their district and in No. 4 they did not wish to send their children to another school. Consequently Miss Susie Thoyt taught the school in No. 4. She tried to interest the few scholars she had and would doubtless have done justice to a much larger school, but some days there was only one scholar in attendance and we thought it best to close the school at the end of six weeks and pay for the remainder of the year their proportion of the school money.

District No. 5. The spring term was taught by Miss Hannah Stanyan. This was her first attempt at teaching. She had a very good school and labored hard to teach the scholars intrusted to her care. There was good improvement made and good satisfaction. The fall and winter terms were taught by Miss Gyrtta Bartlett. This was her first experience in teaching. She proved an excellent teacher. She was deeply interested in school work and tried to make every task a pleasure. She gained the respect and love of all who made her acquaintance.

District No. 6. This school was taught the three terms by Miss Edna M. Brown. At the end of the fourth week of the spring term the measles came into the school and it was thought best to close the school until the epidemic was passed. Then some of the farmers who had boys wanted their help and did not wish to have any more school until the fall term. They had some more than three months vacation, consequently the spring term of school did not amount to much. The fall term was twelve weeks. Forty-four names were enrolled—more than any teacher can do justice to in an ungraded school where it is necessary to have so many classes. The teacher worked very hard and tried to have good order, but it is impossible to have a school room with forty-four scholars as quiet as with half or a fourth of that number. Considering the number of pupils and other things detrimental to the advancement of the school we think they made a commendable progress. During the winter term there were not so many scholars and the members of the school board who visited it report an excellent school. At the end of six weeks scarlet fever came into the district and the school was closed for the year. We were very sorry to close so near the end of the term, but prudence demanded it.

No. 8. The spring term was taught by Miss Lizzie M. McKerley. This school was broken up for two weeks by sickness, but the term was kept out. The teacher faithfully labored to interest and instruct the scholars under her care and to discipline the unruly and under her regime the moral tone of the school was changed and very good progress was made. The fall term was taught by Miss Evangeline Brown. This teacher seemed very much interested in school work and tried to interest the children.

She seemed to lack in discipline, but she was smart and inspired her pupils to solicit funds to buy a flag for the school. One of the citizens gave a pole and they got a nice flag through the teacher's influence. The winter term was taught by Miss Emma Griffin. She was an experienced teacher, thorough, firm and efficient, and above all, one of the best disciplinarians. She roused up the dull, listless ones and made them learn their lessons. No imperfect, half recited lesson ever was allowed to pass. The school made good improvement under her instruction. In visiting the schools each six times or more in a year and carefully noting the progress made by each class and each scholar I have come to the conclusion that there is not so much difference in the mental capacities of children as there is in their particular ability to learn some things they have a taste for. All are not naturally mathematicians nor all good grammarians. It is just as natural for one to be a good reader as it is for another to be a good speller. Some have a talent for drawing and usually such make good penmen. We seldom find one that excels in all the branches even in our common schools. Teachers are often blamed by the parents because their children are not able to class with some others of their age in some of their studies. They call the teacher partial and perhaps that same child in some other branch excels and the teacher is not at fault.. It is not often that the most forward scholar in early childhood makes the most learned man. It is often the slow, thoughtful, patient, persevering boy who obtains eminence. It is pleasing to see the eager, upturned faces groping for knowledge such as we meet in every school.

We have some very fine promising scholars in our schools. Children that parents might well be proud of. And we do hope they will give their united efforts to help the teachers in their work. We hope they will visit the schools often and encourage the children to be constant and punctual in their attendance. In the past six years we have employed 19 young teachers; fifteen of that number taught their first school in Chichester. They were, with two exceptions, employed in small schools, and they gave good satisfaction. Of course they had all the help and encouragement and sympathy that an experienced teacher could give. I am happy to say that more than half of the number are

excellent teachers, having taught successfully in Concord, Pembroke, Epsom, Bow, Deerfield, Candia, Auburn and Canterbury. One of them has taught ten terms in this town. In this progressive age teachers should be well qualified for their work; none should be content with superficial attainments when so many helps are available. The Normal School Teachers' Institutes afford great help. A natural gift for teaching is first, then thorough preparation for the work.

During the school year about to close, a few repairs were necessarily made. First, the school house in District No. 4 was painted at an expense of thirty dollars. Next, a fence was built around the yard at No. 1 for which we had to buy posts and boards. Next a fence around the yard at District No. 8. Then Mr. Hutchinson and Edmunds repaired underpinning under No. 1 school house, some small repairs were made also on the outbuildings. Mr. Groves procured a chimney cap and made some repairs at No. 2 school house. Then thirty new desks and chairs were put in school houses No. 8 and No. 2. We have this year put in six sets of Good Citizenship Plates, exchanged the Histories that had been used 11 years for (up to date) books, also exchanged the Physiologies. We have not bought a book that was not needed, and have not a spare copy on hand except a few Spelling Blanks, and less than half a box of crayons, and a few sheets of paper. The books in use are in very good condition.

We have paid forty-six dollars and sixty-four cents that was due on 1895 account.

In all things we have done the best we could, and tried with the means we had to use, to get all the schooling we possibly could. Every year there are some repairs to be made and it takes a good many dollars for wood to keep five or six school-rooms warm. We wish we could have longer terms of school and think the vacations all too long for the interest of the children.

CATHERINE M. LAKE,
ARTHUR A. GROVES,
LESTER W. HUTCHINSON.

We hereby certify that we have examined the financial accounts of the Chairman of the school board, and find them correct and properly vouched.

LEWIS W. TOWLE.

Chichester, Feb. 18, 1897.

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE.

DISTRICT No. 1.

First term.

Sarah Lane,
 Laura Marston,
 Charlie Lane,
 John Marston,
 Philip Clifford.

Addie Locke,
 Ida Thulma,
 Fern Marston,
 Ralph Perkins,

Second Term.

Sarah Lane,
 Elsie Lane,
 Ida Thulma,
 Mabel Thamil,

Blanche Lane,
 Ralph Perkins,
 Augusta Clifford,
 Charlie Lane.

Third Term.

Mabel Thamil,
 Addie Locke.

Sarah Lane,

DISTRICT No. 2.

First Term.

Mary S. Shaw,
 Georgia Towle,
 Katie Towle.

Bessie Towle,
 Susie Towle,

Second Term.

Mary Shaw,
 Susie Towle,
 Bertha Towle,
 Gracie Towle,

Kathryn Shaw,
 Sophy Towle,
 Georgia Towle,
 Mabel Towle.

Third Term.

Medoram Lake,
 Wilmer Winslow,
 Mary Shaw,
 Susie Towle,
 Bertha Towle,
 Bessie Towle.

Charlie Lake,
 Gertrude Shaw,
 Kathryn Shaw,
 Sophy Towle,
 Georgia Towle,

DISTRICT No 5.

First Term.

Belle Fowler.

DISTRICT No. 6.

First Term.

Nannie Sanborn,
Ellery Cass,
Elmer Kendall.

Abbie W. Sanborn
Bryant Jenkins,

Second Term.

Ettabell Brown,
Oscar Drew.

Sadie L. Groves,

Third Term.

Ettabell Brown,
Oscar Drew.

Sadie L. Groves,

DISTRICT No. 8.

First Term.

Charles Davis,
Leon Sanborn,
Jennie Ordaway,

Adolph Blood,
Ira Brown,
John Langmaid.

Second Term.

Albert Blood,
Ira Brown,
Leon Sanborn,
Carrie Brown,

Adolph Blood,
John Langmaid,
Jennie Ordaway,
Nina Brown.

Third Term.

Nathan Marston,
John Langmaid,
Gertrude Merrill,
Charlie Davis.

Alphonso Marston
Adolph Blood,
Jennie Ordaway,

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	No. of Terms.	Names of Teachers.	No. of Weeks of School.	Wages per Month.	No. of Scholars.	No. in Reading.	No. in Spelling.	No. in Algebra.	No. in Arithmetic.	No. in Grammar.	No. in Geography.	No. in Physiology.	No. in History.	No. in Bookkeeping.	No. in Penmanship.
1	First.....	Aliee E. Connor.....	2	\$24.00	22	22	22	.....	21	17	18	22	2	1	22
	Second..	" "	2	26.00	26	26	26	.....	25	18	10	26	16	1	26
	Third....	" "	2	28.00	22	22	22	.....	21	17	16	22	16	.....	22
2	First.....	Mable M Stevens.....	2	24.00	13	13	13	2	13	6	13	13	5	.....	13
	Second..	Lilla M. McKerley.....	2	26.00	15	15	15	2	13	6	15	15	7	.....	15
	Third....	" "	2	28.00	15	15	15	2	15	8	15	15	7	.....	15
4	First.....	Susie Hoyt.....	6	20.00	3	3	3	1	3	2	2	3	1	.....	3
5	First....	Hannah Stanyan.....	2	20.00	6	6	6	.....	5	2	2	6	1	.....	6
	Second..	Gyita Bartlett.....	2	20.00	7	7	7	.....	6	3	4	7	1	.....	7
	Third....	" "	2	20.00	8	8	8	.....	8	3	4	8	1	.....	8
6	First.....	Edna M. Brown.....	4	28.00	41	41	41	1	38	16	21	41	.....	.....	41
	Second..	" "	12	30.00	43	43	43	1	42	15	19	43	.....	.....	43
	Third....	" "	6	30.00	35	35	35	1	35	17	20	35	.....	.....	35
8	First.....	Lilla M. McKerley.....	2	24.00	20	20	20	.....	19	10	11	20	6	3	19
	Second..	Evangeline Brown.....	2	28.00	20	20	20	.....	20	11	12	20	6	.....	20
	Third....	Emma F. Griffin.....	2	38.00	21	21	21	.....	21	12	12	20	7	.....	21

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT.

RECEIPTS.

To cash from town Treasurer,	\$1,132.60	
tuition of scholars from Epsom,	14.00	
		\$1,146.60

EXPENDITURES.

Paid C. R. Sanborn for labor and supplies furnished school board,	\$23.81	
Joseph L. Hussey, for labor and supplies at Kelley school house,	4.50	
G. P. Haines estate, for shingles and supplies,	9.88	
Edna M. Brown, for [teaching Center school,	28.00	
Alice E. Conner, for teaching at Kelley's Corner,	48.00	
Mabel Stevens, for teaching at Bear Hill district,	48.00	
Susie Hoyt, for teaching in Dist. No. 4,	30.00	
Frank C. Lane, for conveying the scholars in Dist. No. 1,	20.00	
Mrs. Ella Blood, for cleaning two school houses,	3.00	
E. C. Eastman, for supplies furnished school board, 1895,	5.40	
Lilla N. McKerley, for teaching school at Pine Ground,	48.00	
Lester W. Hutchinson, for labor,	4.00	
Joseph T. Lake, for two cords wood, lumber for fences and labor at Pine Ground school lot,	16.75	
C. J. Shaw, for lumber furnished at Bear Hill school house in 1895,	3.50	

Paid Noah G. Edmunds, for wood and labor,	\$15.25	
Hannah M. Stanyan, for teaching at Horse Corner, Dist. No. 5,	40.00	
W. F. and W. P. Call, for painting in Dist. No. 4,	13.50	
H. T. Leavitt, for supplies furnished school board in 1895,	2.05	
James E. Rand, for fitting wood at Pine Ground Dist.,	.75	
Henry Osgood, for curtains and settees,	7.75	
Charles M. Knowles, for painting fence at Pine Ground school yard,	3.50	
Susie Hoyt, for building fire at Lane Dist.,	1.50	
	<hr/>	\$377.14

Joseph T. Lake, express on books, fit- ting wood and stove pipe,	\$ 2.25
Charles M. Knowles, for labor on Pine Ground school house,	1.00
Ford & Kimball, for one chimney cap,	5.00
A. A. Groves, for labor and repairs,	9.50
W. S. Langmaid, for wood furnished at Pine Ground school in 1895,	2.00
Alice E. Conner, for teaching in Dist. No. 1,	52.00
Sophia F. Shaw, for wood for Bear Hill school in 1895,	.50
Lilla N. McKerley, for teaching at Bear Hill Dist.,	52.00
Gyrtie Bartlett, for teaching in Dist. No. 5,	40.00
Evangeline Brown, for teaching at Pine Ground Dist.,	56.00
Frank C. Lane, for conveying scholars in Dist. No. 1,	22.00
Edna M. Brown, for teaching at Chi- chester Center,	90.00

Paid Mrs. John Towle, for cleaning in school house in Dist. No. 6.	\$ 2.00
L. W. Hutchinson, for labor,	1.50
A. A. Groves, for wood and labor at Center school house,	7.08
G. W. Towle, for fitting wood,	2.25
C. R. Sanborn, for labor on Center and Bear Hill school houses,	3.36
F. E. Towle, for wood furnished for schools,	10.00
Albert S. Dame, for fitted wood for Dist. No. 5,	10.00
Emma F. Griffin, for teaching at Pine Ground Dist.,	76.00
Alice E. Conner, for teaching at Kelley's Corner,	56.00
Lilla N. McKerley, for teaching at Bear Hill Dist.,	56.00
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	\$556.44
Gyrta Bartlett, for teaching school in Dist. No. 5,	42.00
James E. Rand, for fitting wood for Pine Ground school,	.75
Nattie C. Edmunds, for kindling fire at Center school,	3.00
Edna V. Brown, for teaching at Center Dist.,	46.50
Frank C. Lane, for conveying scholars from Pleasant street to Kelley's Corner,	24.00
J. B. Clifford, for wood furnished at Dist. No. 1,	2.25
John Shaw, for wood and fitting the same for Bear Hill school,	4.00
Sarah B. Hoyt, for conveying one scholar to Dist. No. 5,	6.00
F. D. French, for glass and setting the same in Dist. No. 5,	.50

Paid Ernest F. Colby, for kindling fires, and care of school house in No. 5,	\$ 3.00
Joseph T. Lake, for express and supplies for schools,	.75
Lucia A. Towle, for cleaning school house at Bear Hill,	1.50
G. W. Lane, for paint for school house in Dist. No. 4,	17.00
Julius F. Leavitt, for wood, and drawing seats from Concord,	8.00
C. C. Perry, for kindling fire at Kelley school Dist.,	2.00
W. S. Langmaid, for wood furnished for schools in Dist. No. 1 and 7,	7.00
Union School District, for desks and chairs, at \$1.25 each,	37.50
James E. Rand, for fitting wood in District No. 8,	.25
Joseph G. Cate, for repairs at No. 2 school house,	.25
G. H. Haines, for posts at No. 2 and 8,	2.04
G. P. Haines, Est., for supplies,	2.73
Justin E. Cate, for kindling fires,	1.00
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	\$212.02
Total expenditures,	\$1,145.60
Balance on hand, Feb. 15, 1887,	\$1.00

CHARLES LAKE,
Treasurer.

I hereby certify that I have examined the financial accounts of the Treasurer of the School District, and find them correct and properly vouched.

LEWIS W. TOWLE,
Auditor.

CHICHESTER, Feb. 15, 1897.

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHICHESTER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Name of child (if any).	S x and condition.					Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.	Age of father.	Age of mother.
			Male.	Female.	Living or stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.									
1896. May 10	Chichester	.....	.....	F.	L	2	W.	Fred. H. Fellows.....	Cora G. Smith.....	W.	Chichester	Laborer.....	Chichester..	Pittsfield..	36	34
July 28	"	Stella Ethel Warren	....	"	"	1	"	Arthur C. Warren....	Mary Stella Carpenter.	"	"	Shoemaker...	"	Chichester	24	22
Aug. 12	"	.....	....	"	"	5	"	Peter Girovard.....	Delphine Varville.....	"	"	Lumberman..	Canada.....	Canada....	37	30
Aug. 20	"	.....	....	M.	"	4	"	George A. Bailey.....	Mary S. Ayer.....	"	"	Farmer.....	Chichester..	Chichester	39	32
Nov. 13 1897.	"	.....	....	"	"	4	"	John K. Towle.....	Abbie W. Nickerson...	"	"	"	"	Pembroke	43	28
Jan. 6	"	.....	....	"	"	9	"	Edward Giddis.....	Emma Plouf.....	"	"	"	Manchester.	Canada....	42	31
Jan. 29	"	Edward W. Sanders	"	"	"	1	"	Edward W. Sanders..	Eadith A. Hadley.....	"	Bristol....	Papermaker..	Chichester..	Bristol....	21	18

I hereby certify that the above is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

ALBERT S. DAME, *Town Clerk.*

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHICHESTER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age—years.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	What marriage.	Name, residence and official station of person by whom married
1896.												
Nov. 26	Chichester	Walter Batchelder...	Chichester....	26	W.	Farmer	Chichester	James Batchelder. Sarah Chamberlain	Chichester Epsom	Farmer....	1	F. D. Chandler, Cong. clergyman, Chichester.
		Lucy E. Towle.....	“	28	“	Housekeeper..	“	Clevis W. Towle.... Ellen Abbott.....	Chichester Suncook	“	1	
Dec. 2	“	Clarence Sanborn....	“	21	“	Farmer	“	Henry Sanborn..... Laura J. Brown....	Chichester Epsom	“	1	F. D. Chandler, Cong. clergyman, Chichester.
		Myrtie E. Batchelder	Epsom.	23	“	Housekeeper..	Epsom	Alonzo Batchelder. Carrie E. Paige....	“ Concord ..	“	1	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

ALBERT S. DAME, *Town Clerk.*

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHICHESTER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

Date of death.	Place of death.	Name and surname of deceased.	Age.			Place of birth.	Sex.	Color.	Sing., mar. or wid.	Occupation.	Place of birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Occupation of father.	Name and P. O. address of physician (or other person) reporting death.
			Years.	Months.	Days.						Father.	Mother.				
1896. Mar. 30	All Chichester.	1. Martha Griffin...	71	4	....	Epsom	F.	W.	W.	Domestic.....	Epsom	Epsom	Hazen Clark.....	Lydia Jenness....	Farmer..	W. A. Megrath, Loudon.
June 2		2. Nettie F. Sanborn ...	10	9		Chichester	"	"	S.	.....	Chichester	Loudon....	Charles R. Sanborn	Ida Ordway.....	Carpenter ...	W. A. Megrath, Loudon.
July 18		3. True M. Paige....	73	....	....	"	M.	"	W.	Shoemaker...	"	Pittsfield..	Josiah Page.....	Hannah Marston.	Farmer	A. H. French, Pittsfield.
Oct. 7		4. Caroline Morse..	78	7	26	Deerfield..	F.	"	M.	Housekeeper.	.....	.....	— Hopkinson...	.....	Hatter	A. H. French, Pittsfield.
Dec. 23		5. Aaron Lake.....	78	8	....	Chichester	M.	"	W.	Farmer.....	Chichester	Epsom	John Lake.....	Sarah Moses.....	Farmer.	A. H. French, Pittsfield.
Feb. 3		6. Edward W. Sanders	....	5		"	"	"	....	.....	"	Bristol....	Edward W. Sanders	Edith A. Hadley ...	Papermaker	A. H. French, Pittsfield.

DISEASE OR CAUSE OF DEATH.—1 Valvular disease of the heart; 2. Capillary bronchitis after measles; 3. Old age; 4. Paralysis with shock; 5. Old age; 6. Inanition.

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief,

ALBERT S. DAME, *Town Clerk.*